

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

## OCTOBER 2019

**Changes to Reception:** Exciting news! From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Carolyn Atkinson will officially take on her new role as Volunteer & HR Co-ordinator, in support of all volunteers and employees. This is a natural evolution from her previous role as Receptionist looking after visitor facing volunteers. In order to facilitate this, our Reception opening hours will change to 10am - 1pm daily, this is when we know most volunteers drop in. Outside of these hours, access will be available via the shop or our sophisticated new entry phone system (soon to be installed) and Carolyn will be in the HR & Volunteers Office on the first floor.

**From Swords to Ploughshares - Conflict and Climate, Peace and Prosperity.** What is the connection between conflict, climate and natural resources? How can we ensure prosperity for all? Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund, will be speaking on this important topic that is such a significant feature of our world today. The talk will be from 6.30-7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October in Vicars' Hall. Free to enter but booking essential. Tickets via Cloisters Shop or Cathedral website.

**Be Still:** The next meetings of the Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, that explores silent prayer in the Christian tradition, are on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October (7.15pm for 7.30pm start, finishing 8.45pm) in 4 Canon Lane. The guiding theme for the year is the Rule of St Benedict. The specific focus for the 1<sup>st</sup> will be '*Serve God well*' (1 Timothy 3:13) and on the 15<sup>th</sup>, '*Purity of Heart*' (Matthew 7: 6).

**The Cathedral Library:** Don't forget our opening times this month are Tuesday 2nd October 10am - 12 noon and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2pm - 4pm. You'll find the library by entering the Treasury and then climbing a stone spiral staircase - 40 steps! (Diana Wills, Sub-Librarian)

**Art Views @ Chichester Cathedral:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1.30pm - 3.30pm. An opportunity to look at and discuss a selected work of art in Chichester Cathedral. Share your thoughts and enjoy hearing other people's responses, with a facilitator from Pallant House Gallery. This session is open to anyone interested in joining the art discussion and is also dementia friendly. Followed by tea and cake in the

Eastern Arm. Cost £3.50 per person. Booking is essential. Please contact Sue Poil: [sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Safe Spaces – an Exhibition by Pallant House Gallery’s Creative Collective.**

From Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November the Cathedral will be hosting Safe Spaces: an exhibition produced by a group of artists who have each created a personal response to the Cathedral and the concept of safety. The work explores different themes including people, place and presence.

The Pallant House Creative Collective grew out of the Gallery’s Learning and Community programme in January 2015. It is about learning new skills in an inclusive and supportive environment mirroring the values of the Community programme. Sixteen artists are taking part using a range of media including watercolours, acrylics, water-based oils, charcoals, clay, inks and pastels. The Safe Spaces Exhibition is free, and open during normal Cathedral opening hours.

**Book of Common Prayer:** There will be a traditional Choral Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am attended by the Chichester branch of the Prayer Book Society. The celebrant will be the Rt Revd. Alan Chesters and the preacher, the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Ven. Luke Irvine-Capel. The service will be sung by the Cathedral Voluntary Choir and everyone is most welcome. The Prayer Book Society exists to promote continued use of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer in the Church of England. For more details contact Bradley Smith: 07931 527724 [bradley.smith4@gmail.com](mailto:bradley.smith4@gmail.com)

**The Order of St Richard** is a new annual award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional contributions to the parish, its congregations and local community, and the diocese. Ten people from each Archdeaconry will be nominated for the award every year. In selecting candidates for nomination clergy and lay sponsors are encouraged to draw upon people from a range of different backgrounds and ages. This year’s awards will be given out at Evensong in the Cathedral on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. Limited non-ticketed seating available.

**NMH - Roaming Catholicism** Professional vocal ensemble NMH return to Chichester Cathedral with ‘Roaming Catholicism: the musical turbulence of the Tudor dynasty’. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.15pm. Adapted from a first performance in Christchurch, New Zealand, NMH explore the rich musical tapestry left behind by the turbulence of the Tudor age. Weaving Byrd’s anguished *Ave Verum* with Tallis’ plaintive *If ye love me*, and inspiring music by Cornysh, Taverner, Tallis and Gibbons, we hear how the chaos of the English Reformation gave rise to the enduring masterpieces of the English Renaissance. Tickets £15 - £5, from Cathedral Shop or Cathedral website. [www.nmhchoir.co.uk](http://www.nmhchoir.co.uk)

**Friends' Coffee Morning:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, South Transept: 10 - 11.30am in the South Transept. All are welcome at this monthly coffee morning - you don't have to be a member to come along. Free coffee and biscuits, with donations welcome. The Chichester Cathedral Friends support and are engaged in all aspects of the Cathedral's mission and ministry. Whatever your interest - fantastic music, fabulous art, amazing buildings and architecture, great hospitality and fellowship, thought provoking talks and discussions, prayerful worship...the Friends help to make it happen.

**Joining the Cathedral Friends** is now even easier! Simply visit the Friends page on the Cathedral website, click the 'join online here' link and it will take you straight to a page where you can sign up. There's also lots of detail on our website about the work of the Friends, their special events and fun activities throughout the year.

**Interfaith Panel on Climate Change** Discover what an interfaith panel has to say in answer to the question "*What role, if any, should faith-based organisations play in efforts to combat climate change?*" 2pm – 3.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October in Vicars' Hall. Speakers include Brahmacharini Shripriya (Chinmaya Mission UK), Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah (Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue) and Revd Debbie Beer (Environment Officer, Diocese of Chichester) and will be chaired by Simon Keyes, Visiting Professor at the Centre of Religion, Reconciliation and Peace at the University of Winchester. Free to enter but booking essential. Tickets via Cloisters Shop or Cathedral website.

**Cathedral Friends Visit to the Bell Tower:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Enjoy a very special behind the scenes look at Chichester Cathedral's 15th century Century Bell Tower. Join a special tour to the Bell Tower which is usually closed to the public. You will be able to climb the spiral staircase to the ringing chamber, meet the ringers, discover the history, learn about change ringing, see the ringers in action and have a go! Places limited to 20. Tickets cost £6 and include tea and cake in Cloisters cafeteria after your visit. Book at the Cathedral shop or on the Cathedral website.

**Our Money – saving the planet?** Finding an ethical bank? Disinvesting from fossil fuels? Spending responsibly? How we spend, save, invest or plan our pensions all effect the planet. Our individual and corporate choices can add to or reduce climate change, pollution and plastic waste. Join us to explore how our choices can make a difference and be financially responsible. Speakers include: Esther Darrah, The Refillery and Victoria Hoskins, Rathbone Greenbank Investments. 10.30am - 1pm, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Friends' Meeting House, Priory Rd, Chichester PO19 1NX (Refreshments from 10am). This is a free event

open to all. Contact: [eventschiquakers@gmail.com](mailto:eventschiquakers@gmail.com) Organised for 'Good Money Week' by Chichester Quakers.

**Cathedral Fellowship:** 'Religious Buildings - an illustrated architectural study of traditional places of worship of the five principal religions. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm, at 4 Canon Lane. Come along to a fascinating presentation by retired architect Andrew Bain. It will look at a comparison of the places of worship of the 5 principal religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The presentation will be illustrated with photos and drawings (including some of Andrew's own watercolours), to demonstrate how they evolved into the 'places' we know today. Andrew is a retired architect principally of residential projects and worked for four years in The Sultanate of Oman. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. A donation of £1 is kindly requested. For further information please contact Michael Cox: [1michaelcox@gmail.com](mailto:1michaelcox@gmail.com) Everyone is invited!

**The Quiet Garden at Fishbourne** invites you to a morning of rest, quiet and spiritual reflection on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 10am to 12.15pm at St Peter's Place, Fishbourne Church Hall, PO19 3XT. We will be led by Chris Bemrose, member of L'Arche and social sculptor. Our theme for 2019 is '*Inspiring Joy*' and his title is: "*Using the heart to transform pain into joy*". For further information please contact Jane Bingeman on 01243 776223.

**Primavera Chamber Ensemble:** Music for an Autumn Evening. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, Cathedral nave. A musical evening in aid of Church Urban Fund with Primavera Chamber Ensemble (Artistic Director - Paul Manley), including Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals* with narrator Ian Drysdale. Tickets: £25 / £12 for under 16. Seating is unreserved.

*Looking ahead to future months...*

**Wonderful World - Family Activity:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10am - 3.30pm, last entry 2.30pm. A fun-filled family day at Chichester Cathedral. Design and make creative crafts. Follow the Wonderful World trail – with prize! Suitable for children aged 3-11 years, accompanied by an adult. No need to book just drop in. Toddlers' toy area. £2.50 per child. £1.50 child's meal offer with voucher available on the day. For further details contact Luna: 01243 812998 [luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Friends Coffee Morning:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10am - 11.30am.

**Requiem for All Souls:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm. All are welcome to this special Requiem Mass, in which we commemorate the souls of the faithful departed, with movements from Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* sung by the Cathedral Choir. Please send the names of those you wish to be remembered at this service in good time to [liturgymusic@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:liturgymusic@chichestercathedral.org.uk) or leave them with the Cathedral vergers.

**Ships of Heaven:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November , 6.30pm, Vicars' Hall, Chichester Cathedral. Join us to hear Christopher Somerville, the walking correspondence of the Times, talk about his new book *The Ships of Heaven - The Private Life of Britain's Cathedrals*.

*Ships of Heaven* is the story of Britain's flotilla of cathedrals, tossed on waves of power and glory, scandal and mayhem for a thousand years. Nowadays these great stone ships seem as solid and unshakeable as any Rock of Ages. But they are leaky old vessels in uncharted waters. They creak and groan, they fail and founder, then resurface against all odds. Theirs is a thrilling saga of crisis and boldness, of ruin and revival. Christopher Somerville explores 20 of his favourite cathedrals, going behind the scenes to seek out believers, non-believers and troubled souls, archaeologists and architects, glass makers and embroiderers, the Holy Dusters who clean the ears and noses of the cathedral monuments, and the stonemason who judges his building stone by the way it tastes. It's a journey with a motley crew of jolly rogues and prophets, of builders and bishops; painters dangling at a rope's end, monks who watch as their life's work comes crashing down before their eyes. In such colourful company we delve deep into the private life and the uncertain future of these ever-voyaging Ships of Heaven. (Published by Doubleday, 11 April 2019). Admission is £6 and includes a glass of wine or a soft drink. Book at the Cathedral Shop or via the Cathedral website. Organised by the Cathedral Friends.

**Annual Quaker Peace Lecture:** *'Stopping Wars Before They Start'* Speaker Tim Gee is a Quaker, a London-based writer, political activist and author of "Why I am a Pacifist." Talk starts at 6pm on 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Quaker Meeting House, Priory Road, PO19 1NX. Retiring collection of the speaker's choice.

**'Be Still' Study Day:** *Mindful reading of the Bible: Benedictine Prayer in Today's World.* Led by Father Brian Murphy, Parish Priest and former monk. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Gather from 10am for coffee, with the day running 10.30am - 3pm. Venue: Vicars' Hall. Cost £10. Lunch is not provided so you may like to bring a packed lunch (or there are many cafes and restaurants close by.) For further details and to book a place contact David Browning [bestillchichester@btinternet.com](mailto:bestillchichester@btinternet.com) 01243 839922. Event organised by contemplative prayer group 'Be Still' [www.bestillchichester.org.uk](http://www.bestillchichester.org.uk)

**Book now: Friends' Coach trip to Winchester Christmas Market:** On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November a visit has been arranged to see the wonderful Winchester Christmas Market, followed by Evensong in Winchester Cathedral. Get in the Christmas spirit in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral, buy some unique Christmas gifts and enjoy time to wander around the Cathedral, perhaps taking a tour or eating in its excellent restaurant, before attending Evensong at 5.30pm. Tickets are £15 per person, booked in advance, and will reserve you a seat on the coach. The coach will depart from the Bell Tower, West Street, Chichester at 12.30 pm and will return from the vicinity of Winchester Cathedral, leaving at 7pm. Tickets are available at the Cathedral Shop or from the Cathedral website.

**Chichester Cathedral Friends - Autumn & Winter Events:** We are pleased to announce our schedule of events for Autumn & Winter 2019/20. This exciting collection of events includes a review of the book *'Ships of Heaven - the Private Life of Britain's Cathedrals'* by Christopher Somerville, a visit to the Cathedral Bell Tower, a coach trip to visit Winchester's Christmas Market, a performance of Handel's *Messiah* directed by Charles Harrison, the Friends' Christmas Fayre and the ever-popular Epiphany lunch with our new Chancellor, Revd Dr. Dan Inman, as guest speaker. We hope you can join us. Full details available on the Friends' page of the Cathedral website and at the Cathedral Shop. *(Howard Castle-Smith)*

**Advent Procession:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. All are welcome to this special service to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. Further details on this and forthcoming Christmas services can be found at [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/advent-and-christmas](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/advent-and-christmas)

**Advance notice for all Jam and Chutney Makers!** The Friends' Christmas Fayre 2019 will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in Vicars' Hall. We would be very grateful to receive any homemade jams and chutneys that you may want to donate. Please let Sarah Castle-Smith, Liz Holloway or Marianne Lecompte know if you can help. Please note, due to the temporary lack of storage space caused by office moves, there will not be a bric-a-brac or book stall at this year's Fayre. *(Howard Castle-Smith)*

## *Assistance needed!*

**So much goes on here at the Cathedral** and we try to tell as many people as possible! We would like to increase the number of places where we can locate a small stand holding our quarterly events leaflets and/or put up an A4 poster. This could be shops, Post Offices, Clubs and venues, the local chippy and much more! If you know anywhere where we could do this, or are able to ask if this is possible, would you be willing to fill up a leaflet holder each quarter and pop in from time to time to check it is still full? If so, please call Cathy Clark on 01243 812484 or email [cathy.clark@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:cathy.clark@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Are you enthusiastic about learning new things** and have the time to do so? Do you enjoy history, art, craft or drama activities? Do you enjoy being part of a team? Are you well organised with a friendly and helpful manner? We are currently looking to expand our team of Learning and Engagement Volunteers to work with visiting schools, colleges, adults and families. No previous experience is necessary as training will be given. If you are interested in finding out more and would like a copy of our Volunteer Role Profile please contact Sue, Schools and Adults Officer, on 01243 812497 or [sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

**Lego Needed!** The Learning and Engagement department urgently need lego for a friendship themed activity at the next School Friends' Service in October. Second hand lego you no longer use would be gratefully received. Please contact Vicky if you can help on 01243 812986 [vicky.rowlands@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:vicky.rowlands@chichestercathedral.org.uk)

## *And on a different note...*

**Annual Report & Accounts:** Chapter's Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 are now available on the Cathedral website [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/annual-report.shtml](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/annual-report.shtml) Hard copies are also available to view at the Information Desk, Cathedral Office Reception and in the Administration Office.

**Winter Break Offer at 4 Canon Lane:** Enjoy 25% off the Cathedral's fabulous B&B '4 Canon Lane' from 1<sup>st</sup> December - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. A stay at 4 Canon Lane offers the convenience of a city-centre location within the tranquil setting of the Cathedral Close. It's an ideal location from which to explore the historic city of

Chichester with its beautiful Cathedral, galleries and shops. So, if you have family or friends planning to visit, let them know about this special offer. Reservations can be made online [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/venues/accommodation](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/venues/accommodation) or by calling 01243 813586.

**St Mary's Hospital, Chichester (Almshouses):** St Mary's Hospital provides safe, secure and subsidised accommodation for elderly persons in financial need. Applications are currently invited for consideration by the Trustees at their December 2019 meeting (Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019). For full details of an applicant's eligibility and an application form please contact Mrs Debbie Atlee on 01243 812491 or [chaptersec@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:chaptersec@chichestercathedral.org.uk) Alternatively, please visit [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/st-marys-hospital](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/st-marys-hospital)

**Safeguarding Information:** Should any member of the Cathedral Community have a safeguarding concern affecting either a child, young person or adult at risk, they should speak to a member of the Cathedral's safeguarding team or the Safeguarding Officer. Contact details for each can be found on the Cathedral noticeboards and website. We would also like to make you aware of two websites that provide excellent, comprehensive resources for all young people (and their parents): Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) and Kidscape [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk). There is also a smartphone app produced by Childline: For Me (*available for iPhones and Android phones*).

**The copy deadline for the November leaflet is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please send entries to Charlotte Rattray at [lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:lmassistant@chichestercathedral.org.uk)**  
**Thank you.**